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Addendum

II. Scope and application of universal jurisdiction on the basis of relevant national legal rules, applicable international treaties and judicial practice: comments by Governments

A. Basic legal rules

1. Relevant national legal rules

Bulgaria

1. Bulgaria reiterated that article 6 of its Criminal Code envisages the principle of universal jurisdiction. It applies to crimes committed abroad by foreign citizens when interests of another country or citizens have been infringed and one of two criteria is met, namely: (a) when the crimes committed abroad are crimes against peace and humanity; or (b) when Bulgaria has an international obligation to criminally prosecute such crimes.

2. Bulgaria noted that the international treaties falling within the competence of the Ministry of Justice do not contain provisions prescribing the application of the principle of universal jurisdiction.

3. Judicial practice

Bulgaria

3. Bulgaria reported that the Ministry of Justice is not legally obliged to independently gather statistical data on the crimes committed on Bulgarian territory and therefore does not have information regarding the case law on the application of the principle of universal jurisdiction.

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